**https://msmomfixit.com/super-easy-tie-dye-t-shirts-for-the-family/**

**Supplies**

Rit All-Purpose Dye Liquid (2-3 colors in coordinating shades)
Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative (optional)
Squirt bottles
Rubber Bands
Gallon sized Storage bags
T-Shirt or cotton garment of your choice
Rubber gloves

**Step 1- Prepare Your Dye**

* Add ¼ cup Dye to 1 cup hot water in a mixing bottle. The water should ideally be 140 degrees.
* Then, add ½ Tablespoon of salt and shake well.

### Step 2- Folding and Banding

Fold your shirt in your desired pattern.

1. To make your starburst, you will simply lay your shirt flat on a table. Grab the shirt in the area you want to start your starburst. This will likely be the center of the shirt.
2. Tie a rubber band around the center. About 2 inches from point.
3. Next, you will gather the shirt together a bit more to tie on the next rubber band.
4. Continue this process until you have the number of rubber bands you wish to use – picture showed 3 bands.
	1. More rubber bands equal more resistance in these areas. Similarly, thicker rubber bands also provide more resistance.
	2. If you are using more than 1 color, space your rubber bands a little wider to allow the colors to blend naturally.
5. **Vertical/Horizontal Stripe**: Fold a piece of fabric in vertical pleats, and you’ll end up with horizontal stripes. Horizontal pleats result in vertical stripes. – Picture showed 7 rubber bands.

### Step 3- Wet your fabric

Next, you will fill a large basin with water and soak the fabric. Then, lightly wring out the excess water.

### Step 4- Dye your fabric

Now that your fabric is folded and prepped, add your colors by simply squirting them where you see fit. There is no right or wrong way to do this. Picture showed dye by rubber bands. Focused the primary color closest to the rubber bands. Then, saturated the middle areas with the secondary color.

### Step 5- Bag it

* Once your shirt is satisfactorily saturated with color, simply put it in a gallon-sized plastic storage bag.
* Allow your shirt to sit overnight or for a minimum of 8 hours. More dye will adhere with a longer storage time.
* If you choose, you can also allow your bagged shirt to sit in the sun (as heat will help set the dye).

### Step 6- Rinse and untie

1. Rinse the shirt in cool water until the water begins to run clear.
2. Be sure to keep the water flowing to help eliminate dye accumulating on your sink.
3. Once you no longer see dye in your rinse water, remove the rubber bands by cutting with a pair of scissors.
4. Put rinsed garments int new plastic storage bags to minimize any unwanted drips while going to the washing machine. (?)

### Step 7- Wash

* The final step is to wash your new garment in warm water with a mild detergent, rinse, and dry.
* Use Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative in the final rinse cycle to further help set your color and prevent future fading.